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Dr. Robert Sawyer, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chairman Sawyer,

Thank you for your leadership on clean air issues.

Tomorrow, the Air Resources Board will have the opportunity to continue its tradition of bold leadership by voting for new measures which will help not only to reduce traditional pollutants, but also greenhouse gases. The adoption of an aggressive array of early action measures is a critical step in meeting the important and ambitious requirements of Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act. However, I am concerned that the ARB staff is recommending just three measures for early action, when over 90 such measures were put forth by members of the public, local government, and industry.

I urge you and your board colleagues to take the opportunity which is before you to adopt a more robust list of early action measures. There are many more measures that have been presented to ARB which meet the criteria set forth in AB 32. For example, AB 32's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed the measures submitted by the public against the AB 32 criteria and has identified more than 30 measures which could be adopted now to reduce greenhouse gases.

Given the serious consequences climate change presents for the state - water shortages, increases in disease, rising sea levels, increases in air pollution, and increased energy consumption, among others - the most aggressive action should be taken now to reduce both greenhouse gases and local air pollutants. These actions will also signal to the world that our actions match our words and we are serious about our commitment to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in California.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns and your diligence in implementing AB 32.

Sincerely,

Loni Hancock

Assemblymember Loni Hancock, Chair
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